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1. CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR HASSAN MEHRAN INFOMRED DCM DECEMBER 22 THAT IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED TO HOLD THE US-IRAN FINANCIAL CONFERENCE MARCH 1-2. HE SAID HE WOULD EXPECT US PARTICIPANTS TO ARRIVE SOMETIME FEBRUARY 29 AND LEAVE MARCH 3. HE EXPECTS TO BE CHAIRMAN ON THE IRANIAN SIDE AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO HEAD THE US DELEGATION. BECAUSE OF CRITICALLY SHORT HOTEL SPACE, HE REQUESTED US TO PROVIDE HIM PROMPTLY WITH THE NAMES AND NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WILL BE ATTENDING ON OUR SIDE. HE ASKED PARTICULARLY TO BE INFORMED OF THE NAMES OF ANY USG REPRESENTATIVES. HE ALSO ASKED FOR OUR SUGGESTIONS/ THOUGHTS ABOUT AN AGENDA.

2. DCM INQUIRED WHETHER MEHRAN WAS NOW FOREGOING IDEA OF A U.S. IRAN BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING LINKED TO A FINANCIAL CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLY OCCURRING AT THE SAME TIME. MEHRAN REPLIED THAT THE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING WAS "NONE OF HIS BUSINESS" BUT HE SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN SUCH A MEETING TAKING PLACE "FOR ABOUT HALF A DAY" EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE FINANCIAL CONFERENCE OR IT COULD TAKE PLACE AT SOME LATER DATE. HE THOUGHT A BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING COULD BE CHAIRED RESPECTIVELY BY JOHN LOGAN AND SENATOR ZIAI

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AND LEFT THE IMPRESSION THERE WOULD BE LITTLE OR NO GOI

PARTICIPATION.

3. FOREGOING CONVERSATION FOLLOWS A DISCUSSION AMBASSADOR
HAD WITH HUSHANG ANSARY ABOUT THE NEED TO RESOLVE THE QUES-
TION OF A TIME FOR A BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING AND FINANCIAL
CONFERENCE DURING WHICH ANSARY PROMISED TO PURSUE THE MATTER.
WE ASSUME IT IS THE RESULT OF HIS FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS
UNDERTAKING AND THAT WE WILL BE HEARING FURTHER ON THE
BUSINESS COUNCIL SIDE OF THE QUESTION.
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